

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

ROBERT L. HOLLEMAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARAMARK CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

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Case No. 1:11-cv-323-TWP-DKL

ENTRY

The plaintiff seeks to compel discovery responses from defendants Teresa Littlejohn and John Schilling. In their response to the motions to compel, the defendants have failed to show with specificity that the discovery requests at issue were improper. Instead, the defendants merely recite the objections raised in their responses to the plaintiff's discovery requests. This is not sufficient.

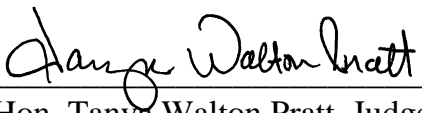
The objecting party must show with specificity that the request is improper. *Graham v. Casey's General Stores*, 206 F.R.D. 251, 254 (S.D. Ind. 2002). That burden cannot be met by "a reflexive invocation of the same baseless, often abused litany that the requested discovery is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, unduly burdensome or that it is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence." *Burkybile v. Mitsubishi Motors, Corp.*, 2006 WL 2325506 at *6 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 2, 2006) (internal quotations and citations omitted). Rather, the court should consider "the totality of the circumstances, weighing the value of material sought against the burden of providing it, and taking into account society's interest in furthering the truth-seeking function in the particular case before the court." *Patterson v. Avery Dennison Corp.*, 281 F.3d 676, 681 (7th Cir. 2002) (*quoting Rowlin v. Alabama*, 200 F.R.D. 459, 461 (M.D.Ala.2001)).

Cunningham v. Smithkline Beecham, 255 F.R.D. 474, 478 (N.D. Ind. 2009).

Accordingly, defendants Littlejohn and Schilling shall have a further period of time, **through May 17, 2013**, in which to respond to the motions to compel (dkt 97 and dkt 99) with the required specificity.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 05/03/2013


Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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